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SUBJECT: LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF US FORCES BY THE FRG

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1. WE HAD OCCASION RECENTLY TO ASK BRIG GENERAL BRANDT, DEP CHIEF POL/ MIL AFFAIRS, FMOD, WHETHER ANY CHANGES HAD OCCURRED IN FRG ATTITUDES IN PAST FEW MONTHS ON MATTER OF LOGISTIC SUPPORT OF US FORCES BY FRG (REF B). BRANDT SAID THE GERMANS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THE LOGISTIC SUPPORT CONCEPT SHOULD BE THOROUGHLY AIRED AT THE DOD/ MOD LEVEL BECAUSE THE PROPOSALS, AT LEAST IN THEIR CURRENT FORM, HAVE SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE GERMAN ARMED FORCES ABOUT WHICH US AUTHORITIES ARE NOT PERHAPS FULLY AWARE. HE UNDERSTOOD, FOR INSTANCE, THAT THE PROPOSALS WOULD COST ABOUT THE SAME AMOUNT OF MONEY AS THE OPERATION OF TWO FRG ARMY BRIGADES. THIS MONEY, HE SAID, COULD COME FROM ONLY ONE SOURCE, THE FRG MILITARY BUDGET, AND THE GERMAN SIDE DOUBTED THAT WE WOULD WANT TO PURSUE THE MATTER IF THE PROPOSALS, IN WHATEVER FORM THEY EVENTUALLY TAKE, WOULD SOONER OR LATER CAUSE A REDUCTION

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IN BUNDESWEHR COMBAT CAPABILITY.

2. WE DO NOT OBJECT TO ANY DISCUSSION OF THE LOGISTIC
SUPPORT PROPOSALS AT THE DOD/ FMOD LEVEL, BUT WE AGREE
WITH EUCOM' S POINT THAT IF THE PROPOSALS ARE SO RAISED,
THEY MAY, ESPECIALLY AT THE PRESENT TIME, BECOME EN-
MESHED IN THE COMING OFFSET NEGOTIATIONS. UNDER THE
CIRCUMSTANCES, WE QUESTION THEREFORE WHETHER THE PRO-
POSALS SHOULD BE PURSUED UNDER THE PRESENT CLSS FORMAT,
IN LINE WITH EUCOM VIEWS IN PARA 3 REFTEL A).
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